(b) the Schemes so far approved are as follow:

Project Component	Total Area(Acs)	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Scheme No. 3 between Garhmukteshwar & Hapur Highways	378.60	451.60
2. Scheme No. 5 between Meerut Garhmukteshwar & Meerut-Hapur (Residential) .	269.96	728.00
3. Scheme No. 7 between Meerut Garhmukteshwar & Meerut-Hapur Road (Residential) .	446.90	595.00
4. Commercial Complex Scheme No. 1 between Meerut Garhmukteshwar & University Road	103.42	180.00
5. Transport Nagar Scheme No. 2 . . .	53.40	73.20

The Meerut Development Authority is implementing the following two schemes :-

Project Component	Total Area in acres	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Modipuram (Res.)	434.02	718.32
2. Mohanpuri (Res.)	5.80	23.84

Benefit of enhanced pay to employees under 'Concordance table'

2596. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in different organisations of his Ministry, who have been given the benefit of enhanced pay under the "Concordance table" organisation-wise and category-wise; and

(b) the total amount of money paid to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on Table of the House.

Land under irrigation in Orissa

2597. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land in Orissa which have been brought under irrigation during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to bring more hactares of land in Phulabani district of the State under irrigation during the above plan period; and

(c) if so, the details of the major or medium irrigation projects executed in that part of Orissa during that plan period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About 26.3 lakh ha. of irrigation potential is expected to be created in Orissa by the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The State Government have undertaken two medium projects *viz.* Pilasalki and Bondapiple in Phulbani District. Their ultimate irrigation potential is 7390 ha., out of which a potential of 3590 ha. was expected to be created by the end of the Sixth plan.

2598. [*Transferred to the 18th December*, 1985].

Allotment of newsprint to Newspapers

2599. SHRI N. E. BALRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many newspapers could not take delivery of the allotted newsprint quota for the year 1984-85 from the State Trading Corporation due to failure of S. T. C. to import enough quantity of newsprint for want of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing enough foreign exchange for this purpose; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the case of such newspapers who could not taken delivery of newsprint from S.T.C. for this reason?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A few newspapers could not be serviced imported newsprint to the extent of the quota allotted to them by the State Trading Corporation of India on account of constraints on foreign exchange resources.

(c) Servicing of the unserviced newsprint quota to such newspapers would depend on availability of foreign exchange.

Under-utilization of installed capacities in Sugar Mills

2600. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar mills in the country and their location State-wise;

(b) what is the total installed capacity of the mills;

(c) whether it is a fact that in some of the factories there is under utilization of the installed capacities; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P SINGH DEO): (a) There are 360 installed sugar factories in the country at present. A statement giving the location of these factories State-wise: is attached [*See* appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 48].

(b) The total installed capacity of sugar factories as on 30-11-85 was 73.59 lakh tonnes of annual sugar production.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure full utilization of installed capacity:

1. The Statutory minimum price of Sugarcane for 1985-86 season has been increased from Rs. 14.00 to Rs. 16.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium of every 0.1 per cent rise in recovery above the basic level. The statutory minimum price for 1986-87 season has also been announced simultaneously at Rs. 17.00 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent which is indicative of the steps being taken by Government of India to boost indigenous production. During the current sugar year, it is expected that factories would be able to pay on an all-India basis, an average cane price of Rs. 24.00 per quintal as against Rs. 21.00 and 22.00 per quintal paid in earlier season.

2. The State Governments have been requested to make available adequate sugarcane for sugar factories by taking effective regulatory and development measures.

3. Sugar Development Fund Rules provide for extending loan assistance for sugarcane development. The